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Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Precautionary detention of steamship Lom.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, August 22, as follows:

During the week ended August 19, 1905, bills of health were issued to 3 vessels leaving for ports in the United States.

The Norwegian steamship *Lom*, bound from Puerto Cabello to Galveston via Matanzas, was held in precautionary quarantine while unloading a cargo of cattle at this port August 17. One of the crew of this vessel was suffering from locomotor ataxia, which disease had developed three weeks previous to his arrival at this port. He also showed symptoms of an organic lesion of the heart, accompanied by edema of the lower extremities. The patient could not be sent to hospital because the ship was in quarantine, and there is no isolation station, with the exception of the disinfecting barge now lying alongside the Government wharf, where the patient could be safely lodged to complete the period of detention; therefore he was compelled to proceed to Galveston on the same vessel.

One case of diphtheria was the only contagious disease officially reported during the week.

The total number of deaths in the city of Matanzas from August 10 to 20, 1905, was 29.

Annual rate of mortality per mille, 22.15; estimated population, 48,000.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, August 22, as follows:

During the week ended August 19, 1905, bills of health were issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortality for the week ended August 19, 1905, 27.

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 30.85 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

Consul-General Mason reports as follows:

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended July 22 was somewhat higher than the rate of the preceding week, amounting, calculated on the year, to 15.7 per thousand of the population, this being lower, however, than the rate for the same week of last year, which amounted to 16.8 per thousand. Only 8 of the large towns and cities of Germany had a lower death rate than Berlin, namely, Hamburg, Altona, Kiel, Barmen, Elberfeld, Crefeld, Schöneberg (with 11.5), and Charlottenburg (with the minimum of 11.3). The following cities had a considerably higher death rate than Berlin, viz: Dresden, Hanover, Bremen, Aix la Chapelle, Frankfort on the Main, Munich, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Brunswick, Magdeburg, Halle, Leipzig, Breslau, Königsberg, and Rixdorf (with 25.5 per thousand). The rate of mortality in Paris and Vienna was also higher than the Berlin figure, while London had a lower death rate than this city. Compared with the preceding week there was a notable increase in the number of deaths among children in the first year of life, while a